

Docket. No.: 242804US-2 CONT
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REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 17 and 18 are presently active in this application. Original Claims 1-16 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and new Claims 1 and 18 have been added without the introduction of new matter.

The reasons for allowance included with the Notice of Allowance in parent application Serial No. 09/373,739 filed on 08/13/99 indicate that the failure of the prior art to “teach or fairly suggest separate menu flow and operation software objects, wherein the operation software object comprises an operation controlling object operable to create, change, and delete input operation.”

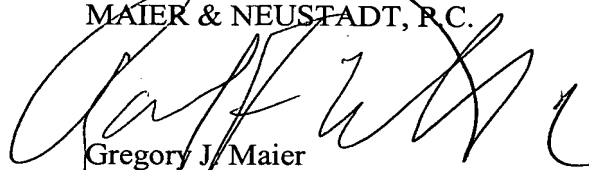
Thus, the recitation of allowed Claim 1 of this parent application as to the operation software object comprising an operational information memorizing object and operation controlling object separate from the operational information memorizing object was deemed not to be essential as to the indicated allowable subject matter. Accordingly, new Claims 17 and 18 are presented herewith that recite the above-noted allowable subject matter without the details as to the makeup of the operation software object that were clearly considered to be non-essential to distinguishing over the prior art.

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In light of the above, an early and favorable examination on the merits as to the presently active Claims 17 and 18 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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